

August 25, 2006

Lt. Gov. John Bohlinger
State Capitol
Helena, MT 59602

Dear Lt. Governor:

At the last Corrections Advisory Council meeting held in Arlee on June 27, I alerted you that we would be requesting your advice and input on a regular basis. During a portion of the upcoming council meeting Sept. 7-8, we will be seeking recommendations for the department's biennial report. During the meeting on the afternoon of Sept. 7, we will be asking you to help us determine what information to provide to legislators and the general public so they better understand what the department does through its nine major divisions and facilities.

We have enclosed a copy of the department's mission and goals, a collection of various department statistical graphs and charts, a brief description of each division or facility, and the department organizational chart. Please review these documents in advance of Sept. 7. During that session, you will be working in small focus groups to identify and recommend key information and desired outcome measures for the 2007 department report. The division or facility administrators and other agency staff will be present to lend assistance and provide information.

Enclosed with this letter is detailed information regarding the two-day meeting.

Thanks again for your commitment and interest in the Department of Corrections and your unselfish willingness to volunteer your time and talents to make it better.

Sincerely,

Mike Ferriter
Director

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